

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC MEETING **Water Resource Advisory Commission (WRAC)** **Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir Phase 1** **November 21, 2005**

The South Florida Water Management District will hold a WRAC Issues Workshop meeting on Monday, November 21, 2005. **The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the concepts presented in the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir Phase 1** (a component of the Acceler8 Program) **Basis of Design Report (BODR)** and encourage and provide an opportunity for public participation. **The BODR is available for review on the Acceler8 website** (www.evergladesnow.org).

- **When:** Monday, November 21, 2005
- **Open House:** 5:00-6:00 PM
- **Meeting:** 6:00-8:00 PM
- **Where:** The South Florida Water Management District
B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

The Phase 1 project is an above ground reservoir for water storage, with a capacity of 190,000 acre-feet parcel at a maximum depth of 12 feet. The purpose is to capture, move and store regulatory releases from Lake Okeechobee, reducing the number/volume of harmful discharges to coastal estuaries; capture, move and store agricultural stormwater runoff, reducing the need for emergency flood control backpumping into Lake Okeechobee; improve operational flexibility to move water within the EAA, including flow equalization and optimization of Stormwater Treatment Area performance to further reduce phosphorus inflows to the Everglades; improve flood protection for lands adjacent to Bolles and Cross canals.

For additional information regarding this meeting, please contact Renee DeSantis (561) 682-6844 or rdesanti@sfwmd.gov.

For more information on the Acceler8 program and the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir Phase 1 project, please visit www.evergladesnow.org.

